

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 3728 - HB 3747

February 27, 2012

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes voters, in counties without a driver license station, who do not possess a state or federal issued photo ID, to execute an affidavit of identity at the county election commission office during the early voting period and have a digital photo taken at that time. The county election commission will retain the photo and allow the voter to vote.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase Local Expenditures - \$48,500/One-Time\***

Assumptions:

- Individuals who do not possess a state or federally issued photo ID must appear at the election commission office during the early voting period, have a digital photograph taken, and execute an affidavit of identity. Such a voter will be permitted to vote on the machine that day.
- On Election Day voters must vote at their assigned precinct. The language of the bill only applies to voters in the 55 counties that do not have a full service driver license station; therefore, voters in the 40 counties that have a full service driver license station will not be able to vote using this procedure. Instead, such voters will have to present a state or federally issued ID or vote a provisional ballot and present the required ID within two business days after the election.
- According to the Coordinator of Elections, a survey of the counties revealed that approximately 48 of the 55 affected counties will need to purchase software that will allow a digital photograph to be taken and then retained within the voter registration database. In addition, some counties indicated they will need to hire part-time staff to handle this function. The estimated one-time increase in local expenditures for the software and additional staff will be \$43,000. Cameras will be purchased for all 55 counties at a cost of \$5,500 (camera cost of \$100 each for 55 counties).
- The total one-time increase in local expenditures statewide will be \$48,500 (\$43,000 + \$5,500).

\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

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**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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